

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

PRINCIPAL RULES GOVERNING MOTIONS

Order of Precedence	Can interrupt speaker?	Requires a second?	Debatable?	Amendable?	Vote required?	Applies to what motions?	Motion can have what applied to it (in addition to withdraw)?	Can be renewed?	Rule Sec.
I. PRIVILEGED MOTIONS									
A. Fix the time to which to adjourn - (when privileged; only when another question pending).	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	None	Amend	Yes	16
B. Adjourn - (loses privilege if in any way qualified or if effect is to dissolve assembly).	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	None	None	Yes	17
C. Take a Recess - (privileged only when other business is pending).	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	None	Amend	Yes	18
D. Raise a Question of Privilege.	Yes	No	No	No	No vote	None	None	Yes	19
E. Call for the Orders of the day.	Yes	No	No	No	No vote	None	None	Yes	20
II. SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS									
F. Lay on the Table.	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	I-D, E II-K, III, appeal	None	Yes	28
G. Previous Question.	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	Any debatable or amendable	None	Yes	29
H. Limit or Extend Limits of Debate.	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3	Any debatable pending motion	Amend	Yes	30
I. Postpone to a certain time.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Main	Amend, limited debate	Yes	31
J. Commit or Refer.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No Subsidiary motion	Limit debate, amend	Yes	32
K. Amend.	No	Yes	Not always, Yes not when main motion not debatable	Yes	Majority that cannot	All but those be amended	Any	No	33
L. Postpone indefinitely.	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Main	No Subsidiary motions	No	34
III. MAIN MOTIONS									
M. General.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	None	Any	No	
N. Take from Table.	Yes	Yes	No	No	Majority	Motion tabled	No subsidiary motion	Yes	35
O. Reconsider.	Yes by one of majority	Yes	Yes except when main motion not debatable	No	Majority	Specified	Limit debate, postpone definitely	No	36
P. Rescind, Repeal, or Annul.	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	All main	All Subsidiary motions	No	37
Q. Renewal.	In general at another session								38
R. Ratify.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Approval of action	None	No	39
IV. INCIDENTAL MOTIONS									
S. Point of Order.	Yes	No	No	No	No vote	Any error	None	No	21
T. Appeal.	Yes	Yes	No	No	Majority or tie	Decision of chairman	Yields to privileged motion & to motion to lay on table	No	21
U. Suspension of rules.	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	None	None	No	22
V. Object to consideration of question.	Yes	No	No	No	2/3 opposed to consideration	Any main	None	Yes	23
W. Division of a Question.	No	No	No	Yes	Not required but may be taken	Main & amendments	None	No	24
X. Division of Assembly.	Yes	No	No	No	None	Voice or hand vote	None	No	25